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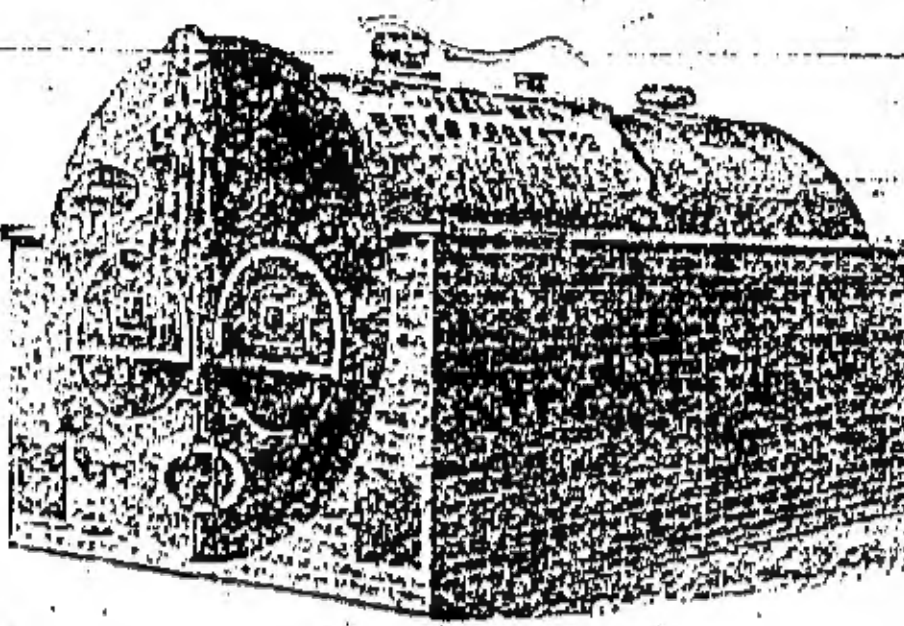
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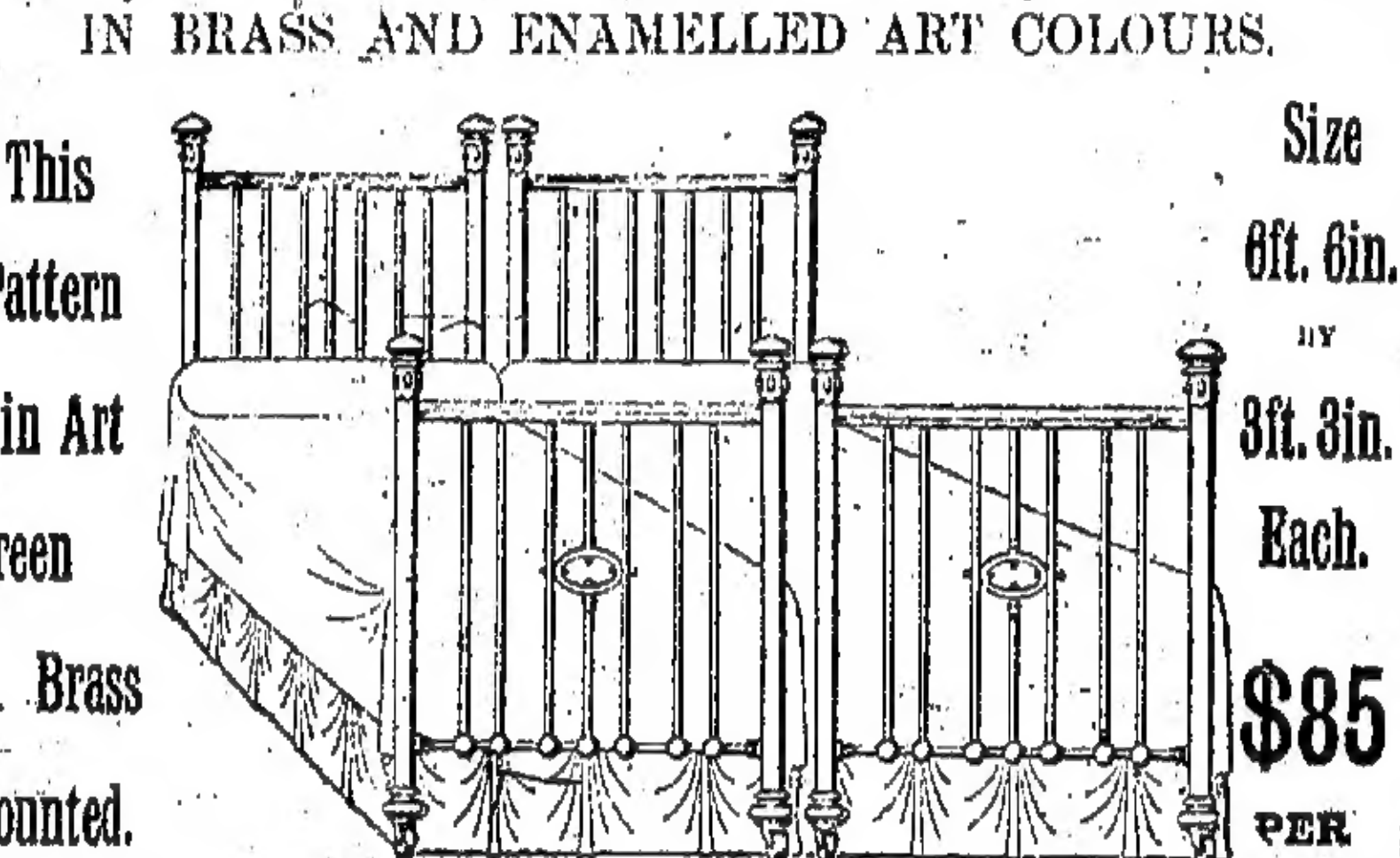
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THURSDAY, JULY 13, 1905.

PROGRESS AT HANKOW.

The Prevention of Floods.

The Hankow correspondent of the Shanghai Mercury, writing on June 27, says:

For the past few months, people taking a view across the plains at the back of Hankow, have noticed in the distance certain little red flags fluttering in the breeze. Later on, when folk were expecting to find the usual inundation, they were surprised to find that although the River Yangtze had risen to 36 feet, there was no sign of the floods appearing. During the past winter there has been a good deal of discussion in high quarters, as to the advisability, or possibility of building a dam from the Seven Mile Creek to the Han River.

Plans were put forward by a well known firm in Hankow, but the Viceroy evidently thought that he was as good as the boat. He therefore passed the order round that the dam had to be built, and in time to prevent the floods this year.

An army of some 25,000 coolies were imported from the neighbouring districts, and under the supervision of their local mandarins, threw up in the short space of four months a dam of earth nearly fifteen miles long, really done well, not in the usual look-alike style, as one expects to find in this part of the world. Where the ground was soft, or in any way dangerous, thirty foot piles were driven in, and in those places which would have to bear the greatest strain, split bamboo were woven into a net, with a one foot mesh, and spread the full length and breadth, every succeeding four feet in height, the whole mass being rammed together. At certain sections, tons of reeds were put into the work, to bind it together, and so prevent the sides being washed away by the force at a time as one sees on the usual embankments.

Already there is some 20 feet of water on the outside, but no sign of it coming through. Of course when the summer gales start, and the expected 50 feet of water is registered on the dam, it will need all its strength to fulfil its purpose. Its builders do not intend to leave anything to chance, as work is still going ahead, the outside being thatched with reeds to break the waves which have done so much damage to previous structures of this kind. Hundreds of junks are doing a big trade carrying the red sandstone, with which the whole work is to be faced as soon as possible. Taking into consideration the commencement of the year, and the length of time that last year's floods took to drain off, the Viceroy and his helpers are to be complimented on a really smart piece of work. Among other things worth of notice on every section, is the fine stalwart build of the coolies, the cleanliness of their huts, but above all the business like manner in which the work is being carried on.

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Lot 2:—

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Arcton	cruiser, 2nd class	560	6	700	Capt. L. G. Tufnell	Weihaiwei
Astrea	cruiser, 2nd class	4300	10	7000	Capt. H. H. Torlesse	Weihaiwei
Bonaventura	cruiser, 2nd class	710	6	1800	Reserve	Hongkong
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Hogue	gunboat, 1st class	1070	6	1400	Comdr. Luard	Hongkong
Iphegenia	gunboat, 1st class	1070	6	1400	Comdr. Luard	Hongkong
Itchen	gunboat, 1st class	1070	6	1400	Comdr. Luard	Hongkong
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Hongkong, July 13, 1905.

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WATSON'S**MARRIAGES.**

On June 7, at Perth, N.B., W. E. HODGSON,

son of Violet Florence Macdonald,

daughter of late T. Macdonald, Manager of the

Chartered Bank of India, &c., Singapore.

On June 7, at Lausanne, J. McALLAN,

son of late J. McAllan, Singapore, to

Daisy Westra, daughter of late C. G. Ker, Johore.

On June 8, at Kensington, GRANT,

fourth son of late J. Grant, Singapore, to

Alice Harrison.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.**Auction.**

3 p.m.—Auction of Leasehold Property

at Messrs Hughes & Hough's Sales

Rooms.

Miscellaneous.Goods per *Stenlogan* not cleared on this

date subject to rent.

Goods per *Pandua* undelivered after 4

p.m. of this date will be landed.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, July 15

12.30 a.m.—Meeting of The Hongkong

Electric Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Japanese Curios,

&c., at Mr V. I. Remedios' Sales

Rooms.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Fur-

niture, at Mr Geo. P. Lammert's Sales

Room.

Goods per *Tijndoy* undelivered after

this date will be landed.

MONDAY, July 17

11 a.m.—Auction of 300 Logs Hardwood

at No. 3, Wing Wo Chan, Mongkok.

3 p.m.—Auction of Leasehold Property,

at Messrs Hughes & Hough's Sales

Rooms.

Goods per *Tijndoy* undelivered after

this date subject to rent.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JULY 13, 1905.

AS IN THE DAYS OF**DEMOSTHENES.**

When the people of the British Empire

are constantly being reminded by such

men as the Premier, Lord Roberts, Lord

Kitchener and lesser lights in the civil

and military firmament that the army

upon which we depend for our safety is

in a condition of rottenness, it can be

taken for granted that there is some-

thing grievously wrong in the State of

England. The Beer war exposed to the

astounded eyes of the Empire and the

world how low was the work of the

worm of incapacity in the ranks of what

was fondly believed by us to be the

premier army of the world, and it now

seems that though the war with all its

bitter lessons has long since ceased we

are just as far from perfect, or even

decently efficient, as ever. The man in

the street beholds the singular ineptitude

of the War Office with a significant

smile, and puts his finger upon the

cancerous spot without any difficulty,

whilst the grandmotherly physicians

who are endeavouring to diagnose the

complaint from which Tommy Atkins in

the collective is suffering utterly fail to

locate the seat or the cause of the dis-

ease. To put it simply, the system of

officering the British army is wrong in

basic principle. The time has gone

past when the nation can afford to allow

the important wealthy classes to pick

the plums of the army and keep them.

In these degenerate days wealth unfor-

tunately does not seem to go hand in

hand with wisdom. Wisdom stalks the

land unrecognized, whilst wealth wears

the gold braid and attracts all the lime-

light, and while wealth is allowed to

keep wisdom so much in the shade it is

absolutely useless to expect any

reform or attempt to realise any

ideal. It is not here asserted that

all officers in the British army are

more decorative than useful. We have

many brave and capable men, but we

have not enough of them. The majority

are sadly wanting in vigour, and elac-

—and worse than all, common sense—

and this section apparently imagine that

the Alpha and Omega of their existence

is not to fight, 'don'tcherknow,' but to

keep in out of the beastly row, 'eh

what?' Singularly this phase of the mat-

ter never occurs to the men in the high

places, or if it does, they wickedly wink

their eye at it, and whenever a panic takes

possession of them, they immediately

talk conscription with a view to shifting

the responsibility upon the people of the

empire, and thus hide the real cause of

our increasing incapacity. But the

time of barren talk is past and the hour

for doing something in a deliberate and

systematic way has arrived. It must be

apparent to all concerned in the welfare

of the nation that continued indolence

will sooner or later lead us into grave

difficulties. On all sides we see other

nations striving by every means in their

power to secure a perfectly drilled and

perfectly equipped army, yet we drone

along in the false belief that even yet

we are invincible and able to resist any

force that might be pitted against us.

Just as those who can now see the in-

evitable in Great Britain are urging on

reforms, Demosthenes, as far away back

as 351 B.C. exhorted the similarly-

situated Athenians to be up and doing.

Who has not read his First Philippic in

the Areopagus of Aristodemus, in

which he pleaded with the Athenians to

prepare themselves to crush King Philip

of Macedon? He draws their atten-

tion to the past glorious power of the

Lacedaemonians, which was broken by

the Athenians with dignity and power,

and he asks, 'Why do I mention these

things? That you may know that ye may

see, Athenians! That if duly vigilant,

ye cannot have anything to fear; that

if once remiss not anything can happen

agreeable to your desires; witness

the then powerful arms of Lacedaemon,

which a just attention to your interests

enabled you to vanquish; and this

man's Phillip's late insolent attempt,

which our insensibility to all our

great concerns has made the cause of

this confusion.' And the lesson applies

with equal force in this late day to

Great Britain. As Demosthenes knew

in his day that the possessions of the

supine go to the active and intrepid, so

we know in ours—yet we are no further

ahead than the Athenians, who allowed

their indolence to rob them of their

power, to conquer. But why conscrip-

tion? It is not the fault of the men

in the ranks that our army is losing its

sap. It is the fault of the officers. Given

good officers able to lead and inspire

men to great deeds as did the soldiers

of old, there would never be lack of

men—and there would not be now for

that matter, should the empire be forced

to call. The officers we want are the

men who come from the ranks—who

work their way up by merit and merit

only. To-day such men are few and

far between—and those who do prevail

are looked askance at by the officers

who have found their way into com-

missions by less worthy routes. One

has to go no further afield than Hong-

kong to witness that. And therein

lies the crux of the whole difficulty

confronting the makers of our army.

When we have a different system of

officering, we will have a different

type of army and a more efficient one.

When, as Demosthenes asked his

people, when will that be? When

roused by some event? When forced

by some necessity? What then are we

to think of our present condition? To

freemen, the disgrace attending on

misconduct is the most urgent neces-

sity. 'How true are those words

in our case: how forcible the ques-

tions! We ought to bow our heads

in shame to think that we are cen-

turies older than the man who

uttered them, yet no better than the

people to whom they were addressed.

Some day our men in high places

will wake up—but apparently not

till disaster knocks at the door.

The reception Admiral Togo will meet

SUPREME COURT.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

(Before His Lordship Sir Francis Jaggott, Chief Justice.)

Thursday, July 13.

THE LAI HING BANKRUPTCY.

The Lai Hing firm ex parte Ma Loung Po. The public examination of Ma Loung Po (managing partner of the debtor firm) was continued. Witnesses deposed that he put Tls. 20,000 into the Lai Hing firm and on this sum he received eight per cent. per annum. As manager he received a bonus if there was a profit. Last year there was no profit, but the year previous there was and he received a bonus of \$600. The bonus he was paid was reckoned at 15 per cent. He received no outside commissions. The Lai Hing firm was on the results of the civil and military examinations at Canton, and the Wong Fung Company held the monopoly. The Lai Hing firm had lost \$10,000, approximately, to the Wong Fung at 1.2 per cent. per month (14.4 per cent. per annum). Witness received \$500 per month from the Wong Fung. He had \$800,000 in the company at present, but had received nothing on his money since he left the Wong Fung. Last year he received \$8000 as wages. Each man who had a share got wages—that was how the agreement was made. If a man had shares valued \$50,000 his wages would be \$500. Witness had nothing to do with the Wong Fung.

The Chief Justice asked if it amounts to that the Lai Hing firm had large sums of money to the Wong Fung and you received a big share?—No.

Were there any partners in the Lai Hing who were not partners in the Wong Fung firm?—Yes.

By Mr. Wakeman—The manager in Hongkong of the Wong Fung was So Pak Tung. The Lai Hing and Wong Fung were not the same concern.

Last year's cash ledger of the Lai Hing firm was in possession of the accountant, who left the Colony two days ago for Sunning. Witness said he would write to the accountant to come back.

The object of the Hongkong office of the Wong Fung was to raise capital when money was short in Canton. The monopoly was worth perhaps a million dollars, but it depended upon the number of examinations held.

Finally the examination was adjourned to allow of certain books being produced, and a summons for the attendance of the accountant was issued.

SPADE WORK IN THE JAPANESE ARMY.

The following report by Capt. P. C. March, General Staff, U.S.A., is of extreme interest:

"On October 15, 1904, during the battle of the Sha-ho, I witnessed a practical exhibition of the Japanese use of the trenching tool, carried by the men. The 40th Regt. of the 10th Division 4th Japanese Army, took a position along the crest of a hill near the river Sha, which marked the furthest position of the Japanese advance at the time, and on the front of the 4th army. The Russian army were visible in force immediately in front of us and an attack was expected. The companies detailed to construct the trenches came up without arms and squatted on their haunches under cover of the reverse slope of the hill. No one stepped forward from the companies, and threw themselves on their faces on the crest of the hill. They then worked themselves forward by their hands and feet until they arrived at a point where they could see all the ground in the immediate front—no dead space—and put a peg in the ground at that point. The pegs thus established were joined marking a line on the ground with the point of a stick. The men then came forward, working parties alternating with pick and shovel, and the files taking intervals from each other by extending hands at full length, each man covering that much of the line of the trench. While the relief was working the other men of the company remained below the crest awaiting on their haunches, and after the first batch had worked about five minutes relieved them. The soil had not been under cultivation and apparently was virgin and hard. The trench, which was 5 ft. 6 in. making 4 ft. 6 in. deep, was finished in 20 minutes. The larger trenching tools, such as the regular commercial pick and long-handled shovels, were carried on pack ponies and used when trenching and work of a more permanent character were constructed, and when that had plenty of time. There never has been a great war in which trenching has been used more than in this war. The whole of Manchuria passed over by the Japanese last year, and the army never took a position of any importance without trenching immediately.

Dr. 'Jim' Still on the Alert.

From a marked copy of the Scotsman, containing an article on 'The Pescadores,' we recognise the pen of Dr. J. A. Lawson, our old friend of Piquet and cricketing fame. We are heartily glad to find that the genial Doctor is still able to be on the qui vive.

Seamen's Complaints.

Two seamen, named respectively Simpson and Hicks, were charged before Mr. F. A. Hazledine, at the Magistracy, this morning, with wilfully remaining in the Colony after their ship had left port. The men were both from the steamer "Adato," and pleaded guilty. Simpson said that he would not go on board the steamer again after the treatment he had received. Hicks entered the same plea and said that he had marks showing the knocking about he had received at the officers' hands. In reply to His Worship the men added that they had complained to the Shipping Master but had been told that nothing could be done. Mr. Hazledine remanded the case until tomorrow in order to consult the Harbour Master and told the defendants that they should have complained to the police. They would probably now become a charge on the Colony.

Caution!

PERSONS when travelling should exercise care in the use of drinking water. A safe guard is it is urged that every traveller secure a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhoea Remedy before leaving home, to be carried in the hand baggage. This may prevent distressing sickness and annoying delay. For sale by All Dealers. Watkins & Co., Ltd., General Agents.

LONDON LETTER.

(From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON, June 9.

We have had a Spanish week of it, in abominable weather, with only Wednesday in the sunshine which shows our English June at its best. I have marked London's reception of many foreign royalties, but none have seemed so welcome to the people as Spain's boy king, as he drove through the cheering crowds on Wednesday. We have in times past at times been Spain's ally and at times her bitter foe. We have intermarried with Spain, and we have battled with her. We have had the closest interest in her rise and decline as a world-power, but in all our rivalry we have respected our friend the enemy. If it be the fact that an English prince is to leave her fatherland and the ancestral faith of the British royal house for a crown matrimonial in the land of His most Catholic Majesty, it will be a new tie between ourselves as a Mediterranean power and the gatekeeper of the Mediterranean. Certainly the Alphonso XIII must have appreciated the enthusiasm of his welcome. We are all Spanish this week, and I am tempted to break out in the most sonorous of European languages myself, with a suggestion of a motto for the victor of Tsushima, 'Togo Togo Togo,' 'Let Togo take the lot.'

Like Bernardo del Carpio, the Tsar seems at last ready to bow his crest and tame his heart of fire, and consider conditions of peace. As was expected, the United States are the intermediary. No other country possesses the necessary requirements, to so great an extent, a long standing friendship with both parties, absolute impartiality, completed adhesion, active as well as the letter of neutrality obligations, and a distinct individual interest in a speedy and lasting peace. Any other first-class power would be suspected of a bias in favour of, or against, one of the parties to the dispute, but America's hands are clean, and as peace must come, the negotiations as best managed in the hands of so honest a broker. Russia is completely beaten. She has won no single victory in sixteen months of warfare. From Korea, the Yalu, the Lian-tung peninsula, Port Arthur, Mukden, she has been rolled back. Her fleets have been annihilated, and her people impoverished. The conditions of peace must be hard, but peace is worth buying; and if the old story of the Sibylline books is to be repeated and every delay enhance the price of the boon the reason is the stronger that peace should be made before Oyama envelopes and crushes Linovitch. All hope of a Russian victory seems to have passed away. They have been entirely outclassed by a higher civilisation than their own, and the hope of all is that they may at last recognise the fact. I look forward hopefully to the success of negotiations now in progress.

The definitive resignation of M. Delcassé, I trusted, being discounted, as they say on the exchange, foreseen and provided against that there need be no breach of continuity in French Moroccan policy, though one Christian must be thrown to the lions. M. Rouvier is nearly as pronounced an Anglophile as M. Delcassé, and recent demonstrations of friendship among the three most interested countries, France, Spain and Britain, seem to indicate a common design that should prosper. No public man can keep to the front long in France without making many and powerful enemies. Waldeck-Rousseau and Delcassé have been brilliant exceptions, but even they have had to yield at length to Clerical and foreign influences. We must not forget that the possession of Adrar adjacent to the Moroccan coast gives Spain a strong interest in the development of Morocco, and the three countries mentioned should together be strong enough to withstand other interference, disinterested or otherwise.

There has been little of London in this letter, but it has been a week crowded with events of international importance. We have let Mr. Gully pass into retirement and Mr. J. W. Lowther succeed him, almost in silence. Mr. Redmond struck the one jarring note of the vote of thanks on Wednesday by commenting strongly on the famous precedent of the introduction of police on the floor of the House, but it was well that the incident was mentioned, as it emphasised the absolute sincerity of all parties in acknowledging the impartiality and dignity that has marked Mr. Gully's conduct throughout his long

tenure of the chair. If as much can be said for Mr. James William Lowther in ten years time, the mother of Parliaments will indeed deserve to be congratulated.

The text of the Churches (Scotland) Bill, published this morning, and its six clauses give so ample opportunities for contention that it can scarcely be hoped that it will pass in anything like its present form. The first states that the Commission to be appointed shall allocate the property, handing it over to the Free Church wherever they believe there to be as many as one-third of the members there who would have been if the union of 1900 had not taken place. The second states and stays all legal proceedings and makes the decisions of the Commission not reviewable by any Court in the land. The third fixes the number of the commissioners at five and their appointment in the hands of the Crown. The fourth limits the property dealt with to that held on October 30, 1900, and interest and dividends accruing thereupon since that date. The fifth gives the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland the right to vary its constitution by a majority vote. The last contains the necessary definition and repeals the relevant portions of two Acts of the Parliament of Scotland, passed in 1693 and 1707. The crown nomination clause is a denial of voluntarism, and the Church of Scotland Clause is a matter unconnected with the main purport of the Bill, so that we cannot wonder if the Bill fails to become law this session or, at all events we may expect it to emerge from Committee with a very different appearance to that it bears on entering.

VILLAGE LIFE IN CHINA.

A Hero and Heroine.

The Saitou hills are situated at the West of Fashan. The place is beautiful for situation, but doubtful for security. A few nights ago, the village of Shiu, where the villagers earn a good livelihood by rearing, silkworms, was surrounded by more than a hundred freebooters, who were waiting to attack it. The simple people were in abject terror. But there happened to be a man and his wife named Wang, who despised submission, and having consulted with one or two of the neighbours decided to attack the robbers with revolvers of which they appear to have possessed one or more. Both husband and wife crept out to the entrance of the village, and hid among the trees awaiting the marauders, who were expected to come along this path. At the opportune moment, at close quarters, as Robinson Crusoe used to say, they let fly: the robbers fell like ninetails, whilst those who could get command of the use of their legs, scampered off like sheep, leaving the Chinese say 'that the thick was full of crawling wolves.' These two men, Mr. Gideon, blow the turn events had taken, rushed forth, and captured several who had been wounded, whose track could be traced by clots of blood. So there was great rejoicing, except among the prisoners, whose wounds were left untended and whose future was rather dark.

REPORTING THE WAR.

The Times Literary supplement of June 9, reviews three books on the war, from the respective pens of Mr. Bonnet Barleigh, Mr. Maurice Baring, Mr. F. A. Mackenzie. In doing so the critic comments very severely indeed on Mr. Barleigh's 'cumbrous ill assorted rambling narratives.' It is impossible not to think that the writer of the criticism has allowed a little spite to creep into his judgment. It is however, perfectly obvious that those letters, whilst serving their purposes at the time of writing, were very ill-adapted for publication in book form. Thus the Times says that a 'few pages' are 'sunk on page 237 and appear on page 263, that the 'Yashima' was 'seen by the writer' a month after she had been sunk, and is caught on such 'blemishes.' It is an undoubted pity that works of this sort are published, but correspondents are so numerous that if one of them desires to give little time in corrections, the other works the writer has a higher opinion, deeming them less sensational and more literary. The description of the extraordinary accuracy of the details of Korean and Manchurian topography would seem to argue that the Japanese in this book have obtained a mass of information in which would be a valuable asset in any ordinary war, and that for this reason their success is likely in the future to prove less phenomenal.

The criticism of these three books only indicates, what all observant people, and more particularly journalists themselves, have long thought, that the basis for hard details and lively all-gilded accounts of affairs, has been deliberately fostered by some experts until the public have grown to look upon such accounts as a daily necessity. The day of newspaper literature in respect to wars and politics appears to have gone by, though it is to be hoped that in the future, more thoughtful and more reliable may be given to the public, than the present, in many cases, irresponsible opinions of unqualified 'special correspondents,' who are often, for extremely good reasons, prevented from seeing or hearing anything that bears vitally on the true military situation.

BY WHARF AND WAVE.

The s.s. 'Quermis,' the second of the British India 12,000-ton turret vessels, was launched by Messrs Doxford and Sons on June 3, the owners being represented by Mr. Peter Barr, resident surveyor.

The new harbour works at Ammokestos (or Famagusta) Cyprus, are already considered inadequate by the English authorities, and it has been resolved to still further deepen the harbour so that vessels of the largest tonnage may find so much accommodation. Works on a large scale in the outer harbour are also contemplated.

In the year 1895 the tonnage of the steamers leaving Java with cargoes was only 400,000 tons, and this increased in 1904 to 850,000 tons. The following were the shares of the three principal flags:—Dutch (1895), 172,500 tons; (1904), 295,370 tons; British (1895), 102,600 tons; (1904), 389,100 tons; German (1895), 10,000 tons; (1894), 125,300 tons.

The exceptionally large singledeck turret steamer 'Quermis,' of 13,000 tons deadweight capacity, recently completed by Messrs William Doxford and Sons for the British India Steam Navigation Company, Limited, of London, sailed from Middlesbrough on June 3, having the week previous completed a very satisfactory speed trial of 12 knots when leaving Sunderland.

Paris, June 7.—The Supreme Council of the Navy has decided considerably to augment the number of torpedo-boat destroyers in commission and under construction. The decision was influenced by the fact that during the last two years 75 torpedo-boats had been built (ordered, being a sufficient addition to that class of vessel, whose role was now supplemented by the submarine. Three destroyers extra, to the programme of construction have already been ordered by the Minister of Marine out of credit in hand. It is now suggested that eight others shall be built in the place of 29 torpedo-boats ordered in private yards. The Minister of Marine will apply to Parliament for the permission necessary to enable this change to be made.

The 'Kui Sang,' a mail steamer 400ft. in length with 51 ft. beam, built by Swan, Hunter and Wigham Richardson, Limited, for the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited, was taken to sea on May 30 to undergo her trials. The vessel, which is to run in the Hongkong and Calcutta trade, has most comfortable accommodation for passengers, and a fine-class Chinese under the bridge deck, and second-class in the poop. The main engines, which are of quadruple-expansion type, balanced on the Yarrow, Schlick and Tweedy system, have also been constructed by the same firm. The ship is complete and modern in equipment. Her auxiliary machinery has been fitted for readily handling the ship and her cargo. The speed attained of the trial trip averaged over 13 knots, and everything worked to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Colonel George Howard Moore-Lane, O.M.G., Chief Paymaster, South-Eastern District, died on June 11, in Ireland, where he had gone on a fishing holiday. Recently in jumping from a car he broke his leg just above the ankle and he never recovered from the accident. Colonel Moore-Lane, who is 60 years of age, joined the Army in 1864 and transferred to the Army Pay Department, as captain, in May, 1870, and was promoted hon. major five years later. He became Staff Paymaster in 1889 and Chief Paymaster on April 1, 1895, when he was appointed to the South-Eastern District. He was then charged with the duties of Chief Paymaster at the Cape Town during the South African war, and was made O.M.G. in 1900, and promoted to the rank of Colonel in January, 1901. [Many years ago the late Colonel was stationed in Hongkong, and was a prominent member of the Amateur Dramatic Co.]

In the repatriation of Russian prisoners there is said to be an opportunity for British shipping. Many thousands have to come as soon as peace is concluded, and the two chief ports of disembarkation are Odessa and Sevastopol. British shipowners, and more especially those trading to the Far East, and who possess roomy and commodious vessels, should now be alert to obtain this traffic. The ships must carry from 1,000 to 2,000 passengers, the Russian authorities furnishing at their own cost much of the necessary food and general equipment, more especially of the sick and wounded, and especially the children and the elderly. As four British steamers have received the handsome charter of £12,000 each for the voyage from Shanghai to Odessa and Sevastopol, it may be safely assumed that the charters for the transport of the Russian prisoners from Japanese ports to these waters will also be very remunerative.

Warning to Mariners.

During the survey by H.M.S. 'Waterwitch' a rock with 23 feet of water over it at low water and depths of eight to ten fathoms close around it, was discovered at Latitude 23° 26' N., Longitude 117° 19' E. From the rock, Lamook Island light bears S. 7° W., centre of Dome Island bears S. 66° W., and north point Namoo Island bears N. 73° W. The rock is marked by tide rips during the strength of the tide. The Commander of the 'Waterwitch' states that the position given must not be approached within a mile, the existing chart (No. 1387) being incorrect as regards the points mentioned.

Pay for Captured Seamen.

In September last year several members of the crew of the s.s. 'Cheltenham,' of the Austin Friars Steam Ship Company, sued that Company at the Guildhall Police Court for £10 damages each for alleged hardship suffered owing to the 'Cheltenham' having been seized by a Russian cruiser whilst engaged in conveyance of war material from Japan to Korea, and that for this reason their success is likely in the future to prove less phenomenal. The criticism of these three books only indicates, what all observant people, and more particularly journalists themselves, have long thought, that the basis for hard details and lively all-gilded accounts of affairs, has been deliberately fostered by some experts until the public have grown to look upon such accounts as a daily necessity. The day of newspaper literature in respect to wars and politics appears to have gone by, though it is to be hoped that in the future, more thoughtful and more reliable may be given to the public, than the present, in many cases, irresponsible opinions of unqualified 'special correspondents,' who are often, for extremely good reasons, prevented from seeing or hearing anything that bears vitally on the true military situation.

The shipowners' counsel contended that the men's employment ceased at the time of the vessel's capture by the Russians. On behalf of the men it was pleaded that the vessel was not 'lost' in the sense of 'lost' in his opinion, meaning by fire, wreck, or otherwise. The barrister claimed £25 2s. 2d., the other amount ranging downwards to £15 6s. 9d. The Alderman found for the men. Notice of appeal was given. It was arranged that five-sevenths of the wages should be paid into Court, the Alderman remarking that it would be unjust to the men to keep them waiting for their hard-earned money. Seeing that the men had secured wages (say Fair-play) from the time the vessel was seized (and lost to the owners) until their arrival here—that is, from the time of capture and during their journey home, not at their own expense—£44 21s. 6d. damages, each, this reference to 'hard-earned money' was a little far-fetched. As to whether the seizure constituted a 'loss,' the great marine insurance authority Arnold says, 'Capture is prima facie a case of total loss.' The case went on appeal to the King's Bench Division on 18th April, and the Court reserved judgment, which was delivered on the 29th May by Mr. Justice Ridley. His Lordship held that a seizure did not constitute a 'loss' in the sense of the Merchant Shipping Act. He said that the cause of the termination of the voyage by seizure was the fact that the ship was carrying contraband cargo, and that the venture undertaken by the owners was materially different from the character of the voyage in regard to which the seamen's contract was made. The men, he held, were entitled to their full wages until their arrival in the United Kingdom; while as to the damages, considering the hardships involved, the amount was not unreasonable. The appeals were thus dismissed both as regarded wages and damages. Full wages till arrival, and expenses paid of a journey home, do not seem to leave much opening for 'damages.'

On the arrival of the White Star liner 'Majestic' at New York on June 8, the captain reported that, while in mid-ocean, the liner was stopped in order to allow of a delicate surgical operation being performed upon one of the second stewards.

During a lecture on 'The British Empire in the Far East,' before a meeting of the Royal Colonial Institute on June 6, Mr. Alleyne Ireland said:—It appears to me that those of us who have had occasion to see the tropics at short range, and have thus gained a clear conviction of the political inaptitude of the tropical races, are very apt to underestimate the importance of the slowly growing sentiment in favour of extending representative institutions to tropical dependencies, to laugh down its local expression as unworthy of attention, and to regard its expression in Europe and in America as the mere prattle of the faddist.

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POSTPONEMENT. DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED. FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW. THE Company's Chartered Steamship EMMA LUYKEN, Captain MARTENS, will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 17th inst., at 12 o'clock Noon. For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, July 13, 1905. 1349

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BRITISH-INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED. FROM RANGOON AND STRAITS. THE Co.'s Steamship Pandora, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside. Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 p.m., FRIDAY, the 14th inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense. No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents. Hongkong, July 13, 1905. 1350

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S STEAMER OROMANDEL FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS. CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves and Godowns Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where the consignment will be sorted and marked by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed. This Vessel brings Cargo:—From LONDON, &c., ex s.s. Moldavia. From AUSTRIA, &c., ex s.s. Britannia. From CALCUTTA, ex s.s. Sunder. From PESEAT GUZ, ex s.s. B. S. N. and B. and P. S. N. Co's steamers. Options of Goods will be landed here on instructions given to the contrary before 11 A.M. To-day. Goods not cleared by the 19th July, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance will be effected by the Company. Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns. L. S. JENYNS, Acting Superintendent. Hongkong, July 13, 1905. 1348

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NOTICE.

DR NEWELL WILSON, DENTIST, has REMOVED his Office from Watkin's Buildings to No. 2, PEDDER'S STREET, opposite the Hongkong Hotel. Telephone No. 640. Hongkong, June 20, 1905. 1187

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PUBLIC AUCTION. THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on SATURDAY, the 15th July, 1905, at 2.30 p.m., at his Sales Room, QUEEN'S ROAD, A FINE ASSORTMENT OF JAPANESE CURIOS, SATSUMA, CHAGONESE, BRONZES, PANELS, PICTURES, EMBROIDERIES and EMBROIDERED SCREENS. TERMS OF SALE:—As Usual. V. I. REMEDIOS, Auctioneer. Hongkong, July 13, 1905. 1352

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HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB. THE THIRD MEETING of the Season will be held at the HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 16th inst., commencing at 4 p.m. The Charge of Admission will be \$1.00 for other Particulars from the Hongkong Jockey Club or Gymkhana Club. THE COMMITTEE invite the Ladies of Hongkong to be present. Post Entries will be accepted for Events Nos. 2 and 4. C. G. MAOKE, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, July 13, 1905. 1353

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